


III. CONCLUSION

A universal service program consistent with the competitive future of local telecommunications service is critical to ensuring that all customers have access to essential telecommunications services. By establishing an independently-administered fund, equitably supported by all interstate carriers, and available to all eligible providers of basic service, the Commission will ensure that the universal service goals of the Act are achieved. TCG looks forward to working with the Commission to develop rules for basic universal service and encourages the Commission to establish a "Phase II" of this proceeding to focus specifically on the issues associated with providing services to schools, libraries, and rural health care providers.

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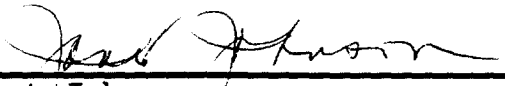
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